



**WHEREAS**, American Indians and Alaska Natives have played a vital role in the life of our country, and their many contributions have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

**WHEREAS**, by celebrating National American Indian Heritage month, we reaffirm our commitment to remember those contributions and to honor the unique heritage of our continent's first inhabitants, and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "Honoring Life, Honoring Elders, Honoring Heritage", emphasizes the importance and value of recognizing and appreciating the richness of our first inhabitants, and what they have contributed to the cultural history of our nation.

**WHEREAS**, this special observance reflects the rich heritage and great influence that American Indians and Alaska Natives have contributed to our nation's history and culture and also reflects our continuing commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments as an integral part of the social, political, and economic fabric of the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Larry Giammo, along with the Council of Rockville, do hereby proclaim November 2002 as National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, and urge all city residents to participate in this observance, thereby fostering the celebration of diversity and keeping strong the rich cultural foundation of our community.



*LARRY GIAMMO*

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